

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.
PCT/DE2004/001694

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-16	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-16	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

see Appended Sheet

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Re Point V

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The following documents are referred to:

D1: US-A-3,730,509 (JORN R) May 1,1973

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1. The present Application does not satisfy the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

2. Document D1 is regarded as being the most proximate related art compared to the subject matter of Claim 1. It describes (the annotations in brackets relate to this document) a device for the elastic, vibration-damping accommodation of an assembly (10) with respect to a mounting (6) fixed to a frame, having an elastic element (1,2) that is situated between the assembly and the mounting that is fixed to the frame, the assembly having at least one first support surface, and the mounting having at least a second support surface, the two support surfaces facing each other, and running transversely, especially at right angles to the vibrational plane of the vibration, and, as seen in the vibrational direction, the elastic element lying in an

overlapping position to the two support surfaces. The two support surfaces have a lateral clearance from each other, and the elastic element bridges the clearance in the form of a free bridge.

3. The feature combination included in dependent Claim 2 is neither known from the present related art nor made obvious by it.

4. The reasons for this are the following:

None of the cited documents describes a device in which an assembly has at least one additional third support surface, that is situated having a lateral clearance from the second support surface, which faces the second support surface and runs transversely, especially perpendicularly, to the vibrational plane of the vibration, the second support surface, seen in the direction of the vibrational plane of the vibration, lying between the first and the third support surface; the first elastic element, as seen in the vibrational direction, lying in an overlapping position to the second supporting surface and to the third supporting surface, and bridging the lateral clearance between the second support surface and the third support surface in the form of a second, free bridge.

5. The further Claims 3 to 16 are regarded as being novel and inventive for the same reasons.